

**THE OROMOCTO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
IN REGULAR SESSION**

**December 14, 2023, 5:00 PM
AT THE OROMOCTO MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Present: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney, Councillor Jeff Kirkbride,
Councillor Raymond Henry, Councillor Brad Whalen, Councillor
Lorraine Dawe, Councillor Kelly Murdock, Councillor Ryan Carr,
Councillor Gary von Richter

In Attendance: Mayor Robert Powell, Gillian Mersereau, Executive Assistant,
John Jackson, CAO/Clerk

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

That Regular Session of Council on Thursday, 14 December 2023 be called to order at 5:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number: 2023-117

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

THAT the Agenda for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 14 December 2023 be accepted.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Powell wished Council, Staff and Town citizens a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also wished Councillor Brad Whalen who joined the meeting via MS Teams a Merry "Overseas" Christmas.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

THAT the minutes for the Oromocto Town Council Meeting in Regular Session on Thursday, 16 November 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS

7. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.a RSC 11 - Mayor Powell

Mayor Powell advised he had a full month of meetings. The Advisory Committee met on the December 4th. The Capital Region Service Commission Regular Board meeting was December 6th where they passed the 2024 budget. Capital Region Service Commission Christmas Dinner was on December 7th. Policing Committee meeting on wan on

December 12th and there is a Special Board meeting is being held December 18th.

7.b Planning and Advisory Committee - Councillor Carr

The committee met on 6 December and voted to allow a variance to permit the construction of a six-unit transitional house for indigenous women/children who are victims of intimate partner violence. Member appointments were also discussed. One member has chosen to remain on the committee while the other has stepped down.

7.c Recreation and Tourism Committee - Nil

7.d Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee - Nil

7.e Climate Action/Zero Carbon Committee - Nil

7.f Library Committee - Councillor Dawe

Councillor Dawe reported that the committee met on November 28th where the 2024 budget, purchase of new magazines and books the Director's report were discussed.

7.g Oromocto and Area Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Dawe

Councillor Dawe reported that the Chamber met on December 13th where the OACC fiscal year and the theft of O'Dollars from the Oromocto Galleria were discussed. There are two new Chamber members, and the Annual Christmas Social was held on December 7th.

7.h Oromocto Pioneer Gardens - Nil

8. **CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.a Vacation Carry-over

Resolution Number: 2023-118

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to approve the vacation carry-over request as reviewed by Council in Committee on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.

CARRIED

10.b Appointment - Planning Advisory Committee

Resolution Number: 2023-119

Moved by: Councillor Ryan Carr

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

RESOLVED: THAT Mr. Anton Topilnycky be appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee to serve a three-year term effective 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2027.

CARRIED

10.c Hiring - Financial Accountant

Resolution Number: 2023-120

Moved by: Councillor Lorraine Dawe

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Whalen

RESOLVED: THAT Mr. Charles Afolabi be offered the position of Financial Accountant with a start date of 02 January 2024.

CARRIED

10.d Hiring - Assistant Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution Number: 2023-121

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to begin the hiring process for an Assistant Deputy Fire Chief, as discussed at Council in Committee on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.

CARRIED

10.e 2024 Water & Sewer Rates

Resolution Number: 2023-122

Moved by: Councillor Brad Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT as per By-Law 537, the Town of Oromocto Council establishes the Water and Sanitary Sewage charges as per the new Schedule "A" effective the next billing cycle, as reviewed at Council in Committee on Tuesday, 12 December 2023.

CARRIED

10.f Transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-123

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$619,153.29 (six hundred nineteen thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and twenty-nine cents) be transferred from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund.

CARRIED

10.g Transfer from the General Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-124

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock

Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$795,000.00 (seven hundred ninety-five thousand dollars) be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund for Water Cost Fire Protection for fiscal year 2023

CARRIED

10.h Transfer from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-125

Moved by: Councillor Gary von Richter
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

- 10.i Transfer from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-126

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$460,660 (four hundred sixty thousand six hundred sixty dollars) be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

- 10.j Transfer from the General Operating Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-127

Moved by: Councillor Raymond Henry
Seconded by: Councillor Ryan Carr

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$65,547.31 (sixty-five thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents) be transferred from the General Operating Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund.

CARRIED

- 10.k Transfer from the Water and Sewer Utility Operating Reserve Fund to the Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-128

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride
Seconded by: Councillor Gary von Richter

RESOLVED: THAT the amount of \$34,211.00 (thirty-four thousand two hundred eleven dollars) be transferred from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Reserve Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund.

CARRIED

- 10.l Transfer from the Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund

Resolution Number: 2023-129

Moved by: Councillor Kelly Murdock
Seconded by: Councillor Raymond Henry

RESOLVED: THAT \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) be transferred from the Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund to the Water & Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Sheridan Mawhinney

Seconded by: Councillor Jeff Kirkbride

THAT the Regular Session of Oromocto Town Council on Thursday, 14 December 2023 be adjourned at 5:38 pm

CARRIED



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk



Mayor

